

Monday, February 4, 2013

Feb 4	10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	GAP Mentors Panel and Talking Circle Posted by: Santina Gay Details: Panel of experienced GAP Environmental Directors share their challenges and best practices with other GAP grantees through brief presentations. Session participants then break into talking circle format to discuss obstacles and solutions to building sustainable environmental programs. Presenters: Roland Andrew, Native Village of Kongiganak, Rosalie Kalistook, Orutsarmiut Native Council; Erik Morrison, Douglas Indian Association; and others TBA.
Feb 4	2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Successful Tribal Demonstration Projects (Part 1 of 2) Posted by: Santina Gay Details: Tribal representatives will discuss their successful 2012 demonstration project accomplishments. Projects range from solid waste to food security, and have components that can be duplicated by other Alaska Tribes. Presenters: Rocky James, Zhee Gwich'in Tribal government; Jackie Levi, Village of Lower Kalskag; Roland Andrew, Native Village of Kongiganak; and others will present during Part 2. Moderator: Desirae Roehl, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Feb 4	2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	An introduction to human toxicology for tribal environmental programs and case study: methyl mercury in pike and targeted fish consumption guidelines Posted by: Santina Gay Details: In this session toxicology is used to evaluate the public health question: Does eating certain fish pose a risk to human health? This case study from western Alaska focuses on the consumption of pike as the route by which people are exposed to the contaminant methyl mercury. Subjects to be covered include the basic principles of toxicology, the toxicology of human exposure to methyl mercury in pike, and fish consumption guidelines to reduce human exposure to methyl mercury. Presenter: Joe Sarcone, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Moderator: TBA
Feb 4	3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Successful Tribal Demonstration Projects (Part 2 of 2) Posted by: Santina Gay Details: Tribal representatives will discuss their successful 2012 demonstration project accomplishments. Projects range from solid waste to food security, and have components that can be duplicated by other Alaska Tribes. Presenters: Roland Andrew, Native Village of Kongiganak; Roy Andrew, Kokhanok Village Council; Shandara Sam, Huslia Traditional Council; Daniel Chythlook, Aleknagik Traditional Council; Erin Smith, Native Village of Gakona; Delcie Davis, Native Village of Mekoryuk Moderator: Desirae Roehl, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Feb 5	9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	GAP Network: Tools and Resources Posted by: Santina Gay
Feb 5	9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Bristol Bay Informational Session Posted by: Santina Gay Details: TBA
Feb 5	10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Region 10 Tribal Operation Committee Environmental Priorities - 2013 Posted by: Santina Gay Details: Based on direct ongoing input from the region's Tribes, Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee has revised and reorganized the previous Tribal Environmental Priorities document from 2009. We will present the 2013 reorganization of 'The Priorities Document', explain how it was made,

how it is used to inform the EPA Administration and the nature of the living document. We will also outline the process for continual tribal participation and then open up for feedback and discussion. Revised copies of the RTOC Priority Document will be available at the RTOC booth on the 3rd Floor of the Dena'ina Center. It will also be made available online at www.rtocregion10.org.

Presenter: Violet Yeaton, Port Graham Tribal Council

Moderator: TBA

Feb 5 **10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

Model Tribal Drinking Water Projects: Fate and Effects of Landfill Leachate on Alaska's Tribal Drinking Water Sources

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

The session will highlight conclusions and recommendations from model projects in five Alaskan Native Villages on the impact of solid waste on drinking water sources. The objective of the studies were to understand what is contained in rural Alaskan leachate and its relationship to water, to understand what toxins may be released by melting permafrost and to build models of successful Tribal science partnerships through the GAP program, and other resources. questions and comments.

Presenters: Craig Patterson (U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, Cincinnati, OH); Michelle Davis (U.S. EPA Region 10, Anchorage, AK); Joseph Sarcone (U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Anchorage, AK); Edda Mutter (University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK)

Moderator: TBA

Feb 5 **2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

EPA Proposed New Guidance on the Award and Management of GAP Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Inter-Tribal Consortia (Consultation Draft of November 16, 2012)(Part 1 of 2)

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

This is a two-part session. Part 1 is an informational session for Alaska tribal representatives to understand the details and rollout of the proposed General Assistance Program (GAP) Guidance, and get engaged in the discussion.

Presenters: Luke Jones and Karin Koslow, EPA

Moderator: Santina Gay, EPA

Feb 5 **3:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Consultation with Alaska Tribes on the EPA Proposed New Guidance on the Award and Management of GAP Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Inter-Tribal Consortia (Consultation Draft of November 16, 2012) (Part 2 of 2)

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

This is a closed session for Alaska Tribes who are interested in consulting with the EPA National Tribal Program on the new proposed GAP Guidance. Tribes may elect to make one-on-one appointments, or meet as a group to consult. EPA will be flexible to accommodate Tribes based on the requests we receive.

Presenters: Luke Jones and Karin Koslow, EPA

Moderator: Santina Gay, EPA

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Feb 6 **8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

GAP Marine Science Symposium

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Feb 6 **9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

How Tribes Can Use TEK in GAP Planning and Preservation (Part 1 of 2)

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Feb 6 **9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Climate Change Planning under GAP

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Feb 6 **10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

How Tribes Can Use TEK in GAP Planning and Preservation (Part 2 of 2)

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Feb 6 **2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

GAP Talking Circle: Focus on Solid Waste Solutions

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

This session will provide a forum for dialog on best management practices of solid waste for rural Alaska villages. Tribal representatives share their experiences on what has worked and lessons learned for: backhauling, waste segregation, recycling, and sustainability.

Moderator: Santina Gay and Ted Jacobson

Feb 6 **2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

The Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) and the Alaska Unified Plan--Updates and Upcoming Opportunities for Input

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

This session will provide background information on updates to the Alaska Unified Plan--The Federal/State Preparedness Plan for response to Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases, and highlight upcoming opportunities for Tribal participation and input. Future Plan updates include Decision-making guidelines for spill responses, the development/inclusion of a Tribal Outreach Plan and Consultation Policy, and enhancements to the Sub-area Contingency Planning process. The Alaska Regional Response Team would like to ensure Tribal representation on the ARRT and hear how to best engage and involve Tribes in the various ongoing ARRT planning processes.

Format: Panel of EPA, USCG, and State of Alaska (?) Co-Chairs, and other ARRT members (?)

Moderator: Marcia Combes, EPA liaison to the ARRT

Thursday, February 7, 2013

Feb 7 **8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

GAP Marine Science Symposium

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Feb 7 **10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Addressing Environmental Justice for Tribal governments and Alaska Native Stakeholders

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

The session will discuss the Working Draft of the EPA Policy on Environmental Justice and it's implications for Tribal governments, Alaska Natives, and community-based organizations. Panelists will also discuss EPA's collaboration with other federal agencies to address tribal and indigenous EJ concerns. The session will also discuss the advice and recommendations developed by the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council/Indigenous Peoples Work Group regarding how EPA can effectively work with Tribes and indigenous stakeholders to address their environmental justice concerns.

Presenters: Danny Gogal, US Environmental Protection Agency; Jacqueline Shirley, Member, NEJAC/Indigenous Peoples Work Group; TBA Alaska Native Tribal Government Representative; TBA Alaska Native Community-Based/Grassroots Organization Representative; TBA Non-EPA Federal Agency Representative

Moderator: TBA

Feb 7 **2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

GAP Watershed Focus: Nushagak River International River Foundation Award Finalist

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Details:

The International River Foundation has announced four finalists for the 2012 Thiess International River prize. The Nushagak River, a major tributary of Bristol Bay in southwestern Alaska, is among the finalists. The Thiess International Riverprize is the largest environmental award in the world. The winner receives \$350,000. The other finalists are: The Willamette River in Oregon; the Prespa Lakes in Greece and the Okavango River in Africa (Angola, Namibia and Botswana). The Thiess International Riverprize is awarded annually by the International RiverFoundation to recognize those who have developed and implemented outstanding, visionary and sustainable programs in river basin management. The Thiess International Riverprize was first awarded in 1999. All groups engaged in the sustainable management of the world's rivers and wetlands are eligible to apply. Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust and Nushagak Mulchatna Watershed Council, among others who have contributed to this project will present.

Presenters: Daniel Chythlook, Tina Tinker, Sue Flensburg, and Tim Troll.

Moderator: Santina Gay, EPA

Feb 7 **3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

GAP Talking Circle: Focus on Contaminants

Posted by: [Santina Gay](#)

Friday, February 8, 2013

Feb 8	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	FILM FESTIVAL: Film event Posted by: <u>Moses Tcheripanoff</u> Details: Over a dozen films have been selected for participation in the Alaska Forum on the Environment, 2013, Film Festival! To view films and showtimes, please check the film festival poster available by the registration counter!
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Feb 8	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	GAP Closing Talking Circle Posted by: <u>Santina Gay</u>
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